

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Holden, Ky.

We are very sorry indeed to learn that Mrs. R. Henson who is with her parents at Place, has typhoid fever. We hope she will soon recover and be able to return home.

Our school teacher, Mrs. Bettie Lock was called home Monday evening on account of her husband's sickness.

J. H. Walton was in Pineville Monday on business.

Mr. F. A. Morris was down from Four Mile Sunday.

John Hurley, of Rogersville, Tenn., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Bryant at this place.

David Spears, of Tennessee, is spending a few days with friends and relatives at Holden.

Will Brewer and wife, of Rose Hill, Va., is visiting her brother, S. H. Castle, at this place.

R. L. Henson left for Place, Ky., Tuesday to attend the bedside of his sick wife.

W. M. Mitchell, our next jailer, was up Tuesday on business.

Robt. Castle is very sick at this writing.

VERDANT.

### Bailey's Switch

Putting up hay is all the go here now and the weather is extremely hot.

The Death Angel visited our midst last Thursday, July 14th, and took from us Mrs. Jane Higgins, widow of Hamilton Higgins. Mrs. Higgins was 71 years of age, and had been a member of the M. E. church for fifty years. She was patient and loving, and as a friend, was kind and was always the same with all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted at the Higgins graveyard by Rev. W. C. Judd and Bro. J. T. Stamper, after which her remains were laid to rest.

Mr. Levy Bennett moved from Wallend to this place last week. This was his former home. He bought his brother's stock of goods and took charge of the postoffice. We wish him good luck in his undertaking.

J. R. Bailey was in Middlesboro this week on business.

Mrs. S. M. Bennett had a severe attack of cholera infantum, or summer complaint, Sunday. Dr. Lock was telephoned for at once and she is much better at this writing.

A young man by the name of Blankenship, while on a spree near Emanuel Saturday night was struck by a train, it is thought, and his skull was sunk in and otherwise hurt. His recovery is doubtful.

Willie McDonald, of Knox's Fork, was here Tuesday in the interest of his candidacy for County Court Clerk. Mr. McDonald is well thought of by the people here.

I would advise all to subscribe for the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE if you want to know the county news and who are candidates and where they are and how they stand at the different places.

W. S. TAYLOR.

### Messer.

Mr. Editor, will you permit me to say a few words in behalf of our place, as we are having lots of rain and it is making the farmers live hard in their crops.

The corn crop is looking 100 per cent. better.

All of our farmers are through laying by corn, with the exception of David Mills. The weeds are full grown in his corn field.

Our school begun last Monday, the 18th, with E. M. Gibson, of Flat Lick, as teacher. Look out, children, get a licking. The rules of the school were written out by E. M. Gibson, the teacher. The rules are as follows:

For stealing apples or cherries, 10 licks.  
For cursing, 15 licks.  
For throwing rocks going or coming from school, 10 licks.  
For spitting on the floor, 5 licks.  
For fighting in school, 10 licks.  
For throwing quids of tobacco at the teacher's head, 50 licks.  
For telling lies in school, 10 licks.  
For causing a scholar to be whipped for nothing, 20 licks.

One of our preachers killed several squirrel the other Sunday.

Botner Messer has quit working and gone to killing rats. He killed 99 last Tuesday.

The prayers of all the voters of Upper Stinking creek is for the 12th day of November to come so we can vote for F. D. Sampson for County Judge.

THE MESSER NEWS.

### Lunsford.

The people in this section are very busy taking care of their grass and oats at present.

Quite a number of the boys visited the picnic at Four Mile last Saturday, and reported a grand time.

Revs. Brooks and Golden of Greasy creek, held service at this place last Sunday.

Rev. Speed Bain, of near Barbourville, was in our vicinity Sunday.

G. W. Rhodes, a prominent teacher of this county, passed through here a few days ago looking after the school at Jonestown.

"Silver" Bill Lawson, who has been at Chenoa for some time, is back again with his smiling face and flattering tongue.

Levi Bays, of Trospen, passed through this place en route to Chenoa, where he is engaged in lumber hauling.

John H. Lawson, of this place, is said to be one the best cradlers in the mountains.

Misses Ellen and Amanda Bays, of Trospen, were visiting the family of J. J. Bays, of this place, last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Mary E. Cassidy and Flora Lewis, of Trospen, attended church at this place Sunday.

Quite a number of the young people of this place attended the social at the home of J. J. Bays last Saturday night. All report a good time, except our friend, Mat Woolm, who said it went off Democratic.

Success to the ADVOCATE.

BLUE BUCK.

### Georgetown, Ky.

S. E. Thompson has gone to house-keeping on Chamber's avenue, near the K. M. depot.

The larger portion of wheat in this part of the country has been threshed, the yield being greater than for years, some fields making forty bushels to the acre.

This, we think, should be a year of thanksgiving with our farmers for the abundant harvest of all their crops.

Wheat is selling at ninety cents a bushel.

During the rain and thunder storm that visited this section lately the lightning struck the telegraph wires on the Georgetown and Lexington trolley poles near Loudon Snell's home, breaking and splitting them, breaking off some of the cross arms. It then crossed the pike to the telephone wires. It entered the homes of some of those near by who had phones in them, giving quite a fright to the families. Those who chanced to be sitting on the beds fell back among the pillows, and others ran and jumped into the beds; other families left the rooms that the phone was in and went to other rooms. Happily no one was hurt.

What has become of "Hayseed," of Lone Elm, and "Bluegrass Johnny," of Oxford? Write again, we like to read news from your ready pens.

Wattie Showalter is now in New York, where he has some of his fine horses.

Ground has been broken for the new M. E. church, South, on Hamilton street. G. H. Nunnally has the contract, with Bud Wolf as his foreman.

Mrs. Robert Coleman and daughter, Miss Maud, and Misses Mollie Muir and Lena Haynes, of Donerail, are attending the World's Fair during the week.

The supper giving on the evening of the 12th by the ladies of Berea Christian church at Donerail proved to be a success and pleasant to all.

Mrs. Amelia, widow of Napoleon Adair, died at her home in this county on the 14th and buried the 15th. She was 76 years of age. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Campbell, and other relatives and many friends to mourn her death. She was the doctress in her neighborhood during her life.

THE SMILING ONE.

### Cannon.

Crops are looking splendid, although a rain would do good at present.

Mr. W. O. Sydnor, member of the Richland's Oil Co., was in the oil fields this week, and selected a location for two new wells on this lease.

J. C. Barnes, of near this place made a business trip to Pineville, and returned Monday.

Joe Smith, of Barbourville, passed through our town Monday evening en route home.

Candidates and weeds are plentiful; one is just about as bad a pest as the other, we think we would rather be bothered with weeds.

M. F. Hibbard who went to Wayne county to work in the oil fields, returned and reports things going well.

Oat harvest is here; they are none too heavy.

J. T. Willis went to church at Locust Grove Sunday.

J. T. Gibson and wife, of Barbourville, were pleasant callers at Dan Philpot's Sunday.

Sunday-school at Sinking Valley every afternoon at 2 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

M. G. Hignite was giving the boys a general shake up with hands and head here this week. We all know you, Garrett. When one gets burned he never forgets fire.

The Morris boys from Fighting creek, moved some machinery to Clay county for the Cumberland Pipe Line Co. this week.

### Gray's.

The themomiter stands 90 in the shade.

Everybody is busy and news is scarce.

The mines are working a little better since the 4th of July has passed, and the Democratic National Convention has nominated a gold standard ticket, but what's the use? Teddy was nominated by acclamation and will be elected in nearly the same way.

Emanuel's baseball team came down last Saturday for a game of ball with our boys, they were done up in short order by our Captain Tom Robinson, and his clever team.

North Jellico is opening up their Blue Gem vein of coal, which is a splendid quality of coal, they are laying pipe, and trolley lines to it, they will operate it the same as their large vein with compressed air and electric haulage.

Mr. Byrd Taulbee commenced his school at Walnut Grove near here, Monday morning. Byrd is a clever teacher so they say, also somewhat of a pugilist.

Berry picking and canning is all the go here now.

Grays continues to grow steadily but surely. We think when the Hon. Dr. Hunter gives Barbourville the Government building, (as the Echo says he has promised to do) that we will have one of the most business counties in the state.

Miss Minnie Moore, one of Corbin's charming young ladies, was visiting her sister Mrs. Annie Donaldson last week.

We have been informed that W. H. Campbell (better known as W. H. Sheriff) is about to retire from the livery business here, so he can devote his whole attention to his sheriff business.

Success to the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, and its many readers.

Hurrah! for Dr. Hunter, to succeed Dr. Hunter, in the Eleventh Congressional District.

YANKEE.

### Ola, Ky.

John Webb visited Lich Collins Saturday and Sunday.

Steve and Wash Jenkins have gone to Millstone on business.

Elder Wm. Craft, of North Carolina, has been visiting his daughter at this place for the past week, and Saturday and Sunday preached two interesting sermons at the Fairview Seminary.

Sillar Adams and Eliza Stallard paid Evan Adams a visit Saturday and Sunday.

George Jenkins has returned from a flying visit to Knott county, where he has been on business.

Hiram Holcomb and daughter visited friends and relatives here last week.

William J. Bates had a corn hoeing Thursday, and had twenty-five or thirty hands.

Oscar Jones and Johnny Sergeant paid Miss Ritter Webb a very pleasant visit Sunday.

WHITE ROSE.

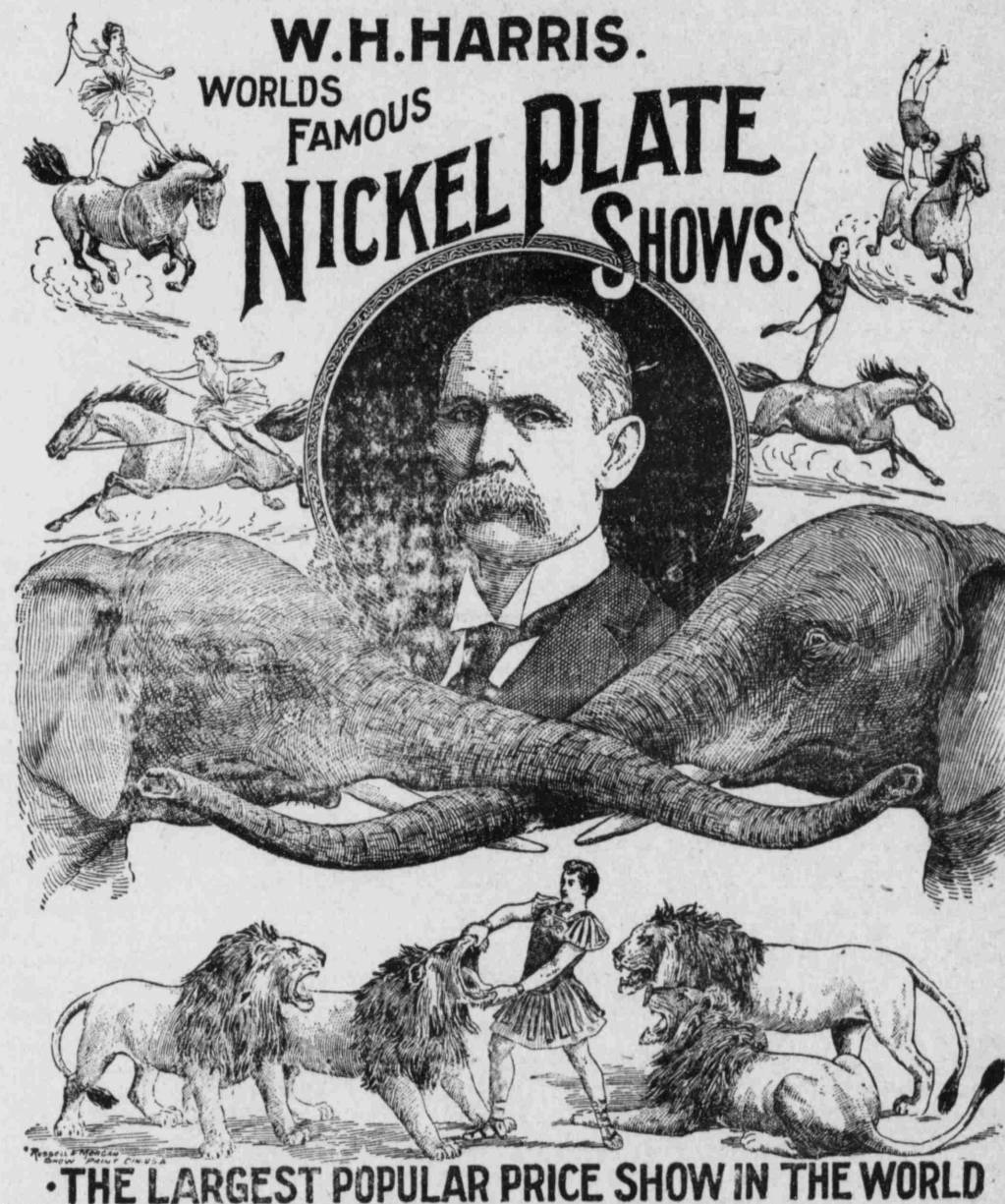
### Hammond.

Rev. G. W. Smith was up here last week, but we don't think he saw any black bear.

Mrs. John Mills has been quite ill for the past week, but is slowly improving.

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# COMING TO Barbourville, ONE DAY ONLY, MONDAY, AUG. 1st.



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